

Welcome to the  
Child Care Licensing Program  
November 2021  
**PROVIDER WEBINAR**



## Opening Discussion Chat

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***What are your best practices for promoting vaccinations?***

Enter your responses to the question in the “Chat” box

Example:

*We share vaccine information in our newsletter and on our webpage*

# Guidelines for Question and Answer

- Ask questions that seek to clarify policies.
- Questions that are facility-specific or Licensing staff specific should be directed to your local [Regional Office](#).
- Clarification may be requested if more information is needed.
- Every effort will be made to answer questions within the time-frame allowed.

# Topics

- Provider Best Practices on Facial Masks
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Stipends
- Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement (CARE) Tools
- Vaccines (COVID-19 and Influenza)
- Question and Answer Session



# **Providers' Best Practices Encouraging Mask Wearing for Children**

- “As staff, we wear masks always and encourage children also to wear masks. We use puppets that wear masks at circle time, and often talk about the spread of germs and the reason for masks.”
- “Teaching using songs, stories and activities.”
- “We’ve always talked about how wearing masks is a way we show that we care for others.”
- “It’s just like wearing socks, underwear, coats... just what we do.”

# Frequently Asked Questions - Masks

**Q. Are masks required inside? What about outside?**

*A. Facial coverings are required for all individuals indoors in child care regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not required outdoors.*

*Children under the age of two, those with medical exemptions and those who require visual observation of the mouth for communication are exempt from mask wearing.*

See [PIN-21-18-CCP - Updated Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) Industry Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)

# Frequently Asked Questions - Masks

**Q. Could I be cited for not conforming to the mask mandate?**

*A. The CCLD uses various strategies, as appropriate to the situation, to gain compliance with licensees. These case-by-case approaches may include:*

- *Technical assistance in the form of a verbal/written warning*
- *An immediate health and safety citation (requires 24 hours to correct)*
- *Civil penalties, as appropriate if a licensee continues to be out of compliance and engages in repeat violations*
- *Non-compliance conference*
- *Temporary suspension and revocation action*

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. What are the protocols for the Licensing Program Analysts (LPAs) and staff regarding COVID–19 prior to visiting facilities?**

*A. Licensing staff:*

- *undergo mandatory COVID testing and completion of a daily self-screening assessment, [PIN 21-08-CCLD](#)*
- *wear a unique set of personal, protective equipment for each visit*
- *minimize time onsite, while also ensuring enough information is gathered for a meaningful assessment*



# Community Care Licensing Stipends

## Licensed Child Care Facility Stabilization Stipends

- \$600 per subsidized child stipends.
- Licensed family child care homes will receive a one-time stipend of \$3,500.
- Licensed child care centers will receive one-time tiered stipends corresponding to the license maximum capacity:
  - \$3,500 centers with up to 14 children
  - \$4,000 for centers with 15-24 children
  - \$5,000 for centers with 25-60 children
  - \$6,500 for centers with 61+ children
- One-time \$500 incentive payments for newly licensed home providers received after completing 12 months as a licensed family child care home.



# General Information on Community Care Licensing Stipend Process

- **STEP ONE:** Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) on the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) Stipend Webpage.
- **STEP TWO:** After reading the FAQs, register to receive licensed stipend [here](#).
- **STEP THREE:** Complete the licensed stipend related [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) survey here](#).

# Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement

## CARE Tools

- As part of the Inspection Process Project, the CCLD has developed CARE tools for use in the Child Care Program. The CARE tools will be used by the Licensing Program Analyst when conducting inspections in licensed facilities.
- The CCLD is focusing its efforts on three priority areas: prevention, compliance, and enforcement.
- There are different CARE tools for different types of facilities.
- The CARE tools contain requirements that are organized into domains.

# Domains for Family Child Care Homes

- **Care and Supervision:** protecting children in care, monitoring food intake, assistance in diapering, toileting, medications, etc.
- **Facility Administration:** documentation related to criminal record clearances and exemptions, personnel requirements, reporting requirements, etc.
- **Personal Rights:** children's personal rights.
- **Physical Plant:** furniture, toys, flooring, cleanliness, etc.



- **Records:** documentation related to immunization, emergency contact information, etc.
- **Staffing Ratio and Capacity:** staffing ratios per number of children in care.

# Domains for Child Care Centers

- **Care and Supervision:** protecting children in care, monitoring food intake, assistance in diapering, toileting, medications, etc.
- **Children's Records:** documentation on special diet or medical needs, etc.
- **Food service:** food and beverages provided to children in care.
- **Personal Rights:** children's personal rights.
- **Physical Plant:** furniture, toys, flooring, cleanliness, etc.
- **Reporting Requirements:** reporting incidents, etc.
- **Staff Records:** staff experience, qualifications, training, etc.
- **Staffing Ratio and Capacity:** staffing ratios per number of children in care.



# Safe, Effective and Free

Getting COVID-19 vaccine is one of the most important actions you can take to:

- keep your family and loved ones safe and healthy, and
- prevent the spread of COVID-19 in childcare settings.

As millions of people get vaccinated around the world, studies continue to show all COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing **severe disease, hospitalizations, and death.**

It's okay to have questions.  
Everyone deserves answers.

**Let's get to**   
**immunity.**

**California's [Vaccinate All 58](#)  
campaign is a great resource  
for COVID-19 vaccine  
information.**

# COVID-19 Vaccines

These vaccines are **safe, highly effective**, and **free**:

- **Pfizer- BioNTech**
  - FDA authorized for those 5-15 years of age
  - FDA approved for those 16 years and older
  - Consists of two doses given 21 days apart
- **Moderna**
  - FDA authorized for those 18 years and older
  - Consists of two doses given 28 days apart
- **Johnson & Johnson**
  - FDA authorized for those 18 years or older
  - A one-dose vaccine with a booster dose recommended at least two months after their initial dose

# COVID-19 Can Be Serious In Healthy Young Adults And In Children

- Healthy young adults and children have been hospitalized and have died from COVID-19.
- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) is one of the most serious complications of COVID. MIS-C occurs in children.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines (MIS-C) as ***a rare but serious condition*** associated with COVID-19 in which different body parts become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs.



# California Department of Public Health

## Seasonal Flu Tools and Information

- CDPH has partnered with the California Immunization Coalition to develop a [toolkit](#) to help Californians take action in preventing influenza this season.
- The toolkit urges parents and adults to #DontWaitVaccinate!
- Visit the toolkit for [social media images and messages](#), [talking points](#), [template letter](#) (in English and [Spanish](#)), [school robocall messages](#), and a [flyer for essential workers](#) promoting flu and COVID-19 vaccination.

*Note: Many of these resources are available in English and Spanish.*

# Resources for Keeping Child Care Learning Environments Healthy and Safe - 1

- [Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#)
- [Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About Reopening Schools](#)
- [Parent Toolkit](#)
- [How the COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#)
- [Get the Facts About the Vaccine](#)
- [Safe Schools Parent Page](#)

# Resources for Keeping Child Care Learning Environments Healthy and Safe - 2

- CDPH Video – [Seven Tips for Safe Schools, Spanish Version](#)
- CDPH Video – [How Parents Can Help Keep Schools Safe, Spanish Version](#)
- CDPH Video – [Importance of In-Person Learning, Spanish Version](#)
- CDPH Video – [What to do if Your Child is Exposed, Spanish Version](#)

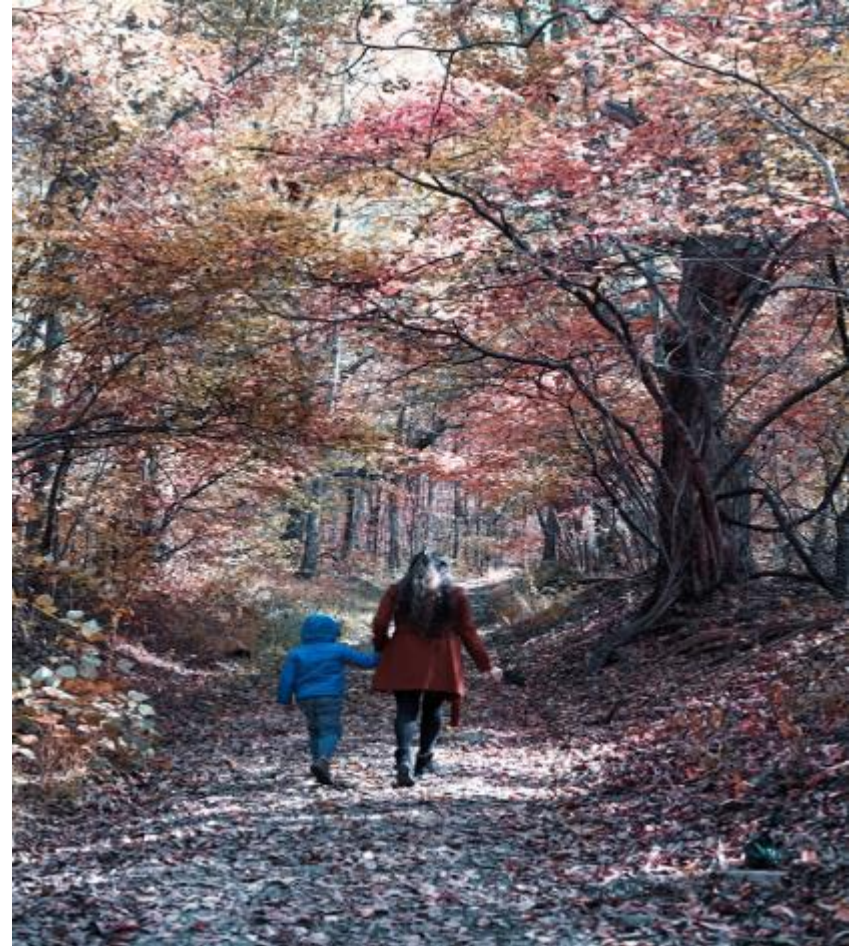


# Helpful Website Links

- [Laws and Regulations](#)
- [Child Care Licensing Offices](#)
- [Provider Information Notices \(PINs\)](#)
- [CARE Tools](#)
- [Background Check and Guardian](#)
- [Child Care Program Quarterly Updates](#)
- [Stakeholder Resources](#)

# Questions

- [Contact your Regional Office](#)
- Coronavirus General Question Inbox  
[CCLCOVID-19INFO@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CCLCOVID-19INFO@dss.ca.gov)
- Child Care Assistance  
(800) 543-7793



*Note: Due to the rapidly changing guidance, please refer to the Governor's Office for COVID – 19 updates and your local county public health department for most current updates.*